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### **Agenda**

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301  
May 7, 2015, 12:00PM**

**1. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 12:26pm by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

**Board Members Present**

LaTeisha Adams

Gary Litchfield

Guy Licciardi

Quion T Riley

Joseph Krowski, Jr

**Guests Present**

Ronnie Drimer, DPS Program Coordinator

Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist

Gene Del Bianco, applicant for Boxing Referee and Judge

Michael Polvere, MMA Matchmaker

James Plotkin, DPS Hearings Officer

Via Telephone: Darrell Peoples, IBF

Lindsay Tucker, IBF

**2. Approval of the Minutes from April 9, 2015**

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the minutes from April 9, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Krowski, Jr. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**3. Approval of Suspensions for April 10, 2015 and April 18, 2015**

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the suspensions from April 10, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the suspensions from April 18, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. May 23, 2015 Agganis Arena Event

IBF representatives Darrell Peoples and Lindsay Tucker were present by telephone to discuss the qualifications of referee Leo Gerstel. They stated that the championship fight was a higher caliber of fighters and that Leo hadn't worked a champion fight since 2006. The Commission members notified them that Mr. Gerstel has been a referee for over 20 years and has refereed hundreds of fights during that time. The Commission stated they had the utmost confidence in his ability to referee the championship bout.

Commissioner Licciardi made a motion to approve Leo Gerstel as the referee for the bout, seconded by Commissioner Krowski, Jr. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Licciardi made a motion to approve Dan Fitzgerald as one of the judges for the championship bout, seconded by Commissioner Krowski, Jr. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Discuss Unskilled Fighters

Commissioner Licciardi was approached by 2 people at the last James LeBlanc fight saying that he should not be fighting any more. Commissioner Litchfield said there should be an attestation from the trainer or coach regarding his skills. Commissioner Licciardi would like judges make comments on score card as to fighter ability. Attorney Hosler said license can only be revoked after a hearing for fighter safety. She will write up an advisory to be sent out.

6. Application for: Mohamed Hadifi Southeast Asian Kickboxing Matchmaker

Arthur Mercante Boxing Referee

Alan Davis Boxing Judge

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the Boxing Referee application for Arthur Mercante, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the Southeast Asian Kickboxing Matchmaker application for Mohamed Hadifi, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the Boxing Judge application for Alan Davis, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Boxing Judge and Referee Applications for Gene Del Bianco

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the Boxing Judge application for Gene Del Bianco pending verification from references, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the Boxing Referee application for Gene Del Bianco pending verification from references, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the boxing judge application for Howard Foster, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 4, 2015 at 12:00pm.

9. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

Mohamed Hadifi Southeast Asian Kickboxing Matchmaker Application

Arthur Mercante Boxing Referee Application

Alan Davis Boxing Judge Application

Boxing Judge and Referee Applications for Gene Del Bianco

Minutes from April 9, 2015

Suspension Lists for April 10, 2015 and April 18, 2015